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171 Anderson Place, Buffalo N.Y.
Mamma send love & kisses to you May 4th 1901.
in which you know I most heartily join her
My dear Maie

Sadly,
Many, many thanks my
darling for the sweet letter you sent
me on my birth day. Which your
mother handed to me last night
on my return from Millville. I had been
out there for three days packing up
and shipping my furniture for now I
am through with my work there.
Every thing is now on its way to Buffalo
Some coming to be sold & some to be stored
at Willie's house, some to be stored with
Douglas. In this way my things will be held
for future use if needed,

I "burned my bridges" behind me so that I could not go back there again. I got mamma's letter & my own from the church there, & I also brought yours, which I enclose to you. You can give it to the Rector of the Episcopal Church at Ithaca. I do become a member there.

For your great kindness in sending me the check you inclosed I am very grateful. I am at such a time as this somewhat in need of money, & your gift came just in time to help me out of a tight place. It came like the beautiful sunshine through the black clouds of a stormy sky. It was a great gift from such slender means, & I thank God for the loving heart & the brave spirit that was behind the gift. I will never forget it my darling.

Do not be despondent about our meeting before we go to Chicago. Your Mother has been & is now very ill. Alice insists upon my taking her up to Durham just as soon as she is able to stand the journey. The sea air & fish diet for a month or six weeks before going to Chicago will do wonders for your mother, & when we can arrange to meet in Buffalo for a few days while you are visiting the Pan American & we are on our way from Durham to Chicago. At present my time is occupied fully taking care of dear Mother, as Elizabeth is not of much account in a sick room. She has never had any experience in that line. & she is very young.

I am so glad dear Marie that you are going

to remain another year at Cornell. I think
that it offers you great advantages in the
way of direct study & in its social opportunities
for your future career. You speak of "the little
birds telling us how to do." Yes I feel it often when
I hear their morning songs & I feel that every
tree & flower & every thing else in nature is talking
of courage & loving service if we will only listen
to them & try to understand the lessons they teach.
I will never forget the lesson I got from your
drawing showing the bacteria feeding the rootlets
of the plant with Nitrogen, while the plant in
turn ^{was} feeding them. Prof Duggan must be a happy
man to see so many wonderful & beautiful things
in a world that is almost hidden from the ^{eyes} of the world until we hear his voice speaking
like that of the prophets of old of an unseen
world full of life & love & beauty.

Millville, Orleans Co. N.Y.

To St. John's Episcopal Church of Ithaca, Ithaca, N.Y.

This is to certify that Miss Marie L. Robertson is a member of the First Congregational Church of Millville in good & regular standing. At her own request she has been granted a letter of dismissal from this church & of recommendation to the Episcopal church in Ithaca Tompkins Co. N.Y.

In witness whereof I have set my hand this 5th day of May 1901

James D. Robertson
Pastor

attest

Mrs. Abbie S. Hommedieu
Clerk

at 10 am the morning & about half past four in the afternoon. The weather is getting hot now & we need
 as choice as much for
 every thing. Nearly all the
 cotton raised here was
 planted over & has not
 come up, as poor prospect
 for winter, it is very much
 in this country, throughout
 in Mississippi, probably in
 Florida even by people
 failed to have their supply
 winter say is there necessary
 a disappointed and lost
 night. I am glad you enjoyed
 the winter ball so much
 Miss Ketchum will embrace the
 winter & a sleeping her about
 very much. I will write on my
 return from Auburn, with
 much love
 Your devoted
 Mother.

I guess the dear girl
 writing you & not both
 in winter. Monday. I am feeling
 a little better this morning.
 We have engaged a room for
 the winter when we return, one each along

This has been a long tedious day, only your Father & myself, be-
 sending & no company for any one, I feeling very badly, as much as I did not cook any
 dinner, consumed over on the little kitchen stove some better bread, that with a bearing
 Mrs. Brinkley sent at breakfast time constituted our dinner, almost equal to Uncle
 Wagon and me not? but after all it makes little difference, as hunger is satisfied.
 We received yesterday your very welcome letter & read with pleasure those enclosed.
 I think they show a high appreciation of you at New Haven, must have been very
 anxious to have you, to jump from 1600 to 2000. I suspect Dr. Brown & Fred both were
 disappointed not to have you at Auburn. I hope your shoes may prove for the
 best, if it isn't satisfactory & you wish to resign I don't think you would be
 long out of a job & there would be Dr. Jenkins last letter to be in mind.
 Yes, Mother did enjoy her visit to Farmdale very much & is going on a more
 extended trip this week. Tuesday your Father leaves for Concord and Montgomery
 I will go on to Auburn, Saturday night he will come up & Monday we will
 return home. Pa thinks I should stay at home & take care of the house, but
 it would be too lonely with only old Syd on the place & he quite deaf, it
 would really be staying to cook for him. I have made arrangements for Lizzie
 to do that at her house. If ever there was a time for us to leave this place it
 is now, as it is, as it seems impossible to get a work. Now says if I

could be cut down where he is, & then my eyes opened I would be willing to
stay & learn the whole tribe out there, as much easier & pleasant to live, he
has moved to Riocha, it is the largest mining camp in Arizona, near the
Mexican line about 2400 acres. He rents of green pastures on which
numbers of beef cattle are being fattened, of alfalfa, & beautiful shade trees, but it
is down rains there, the country is irrigated & all along the ditches trees are
planted to be used as fence post if needed. He says I must ask you if you
would like him to do any collecting for you there is not much there.
He would have given me address I hope he will remember & send it, now did he
say what his work is, answer has. Henry was quite busy on his return from
Selma, had a very sick child 10 miles off had to spend 2 nights & a day the
first night & return afterwards, the little one recovered. It was a little singular
there was a paper sent ^{at the meeting} on the very disease the child had, I expect he had some
helpful points. We have heard nothing more from Benben conclude he has
quite recovered, I did think he might come down today. Uncle Warr was
here Friday to supper, would return home by moon light, looks better but still
complains.

Miss Patey Stone died last Sunday & I did not know of it until
yesterday. the telephone was out of order & I suppose they could not send me a
message. Mrs Garber sent me word she was dead & that sister Sally was
there 2 days helping them arrange. I would have helped them if my work had
not left. Her death was a relief to her, & to her sisters, she has been such a
care to them & said she wanted to die, when I return from Austin must
try to go to see them. But it is so long a walk to & from the depot to the Rectory.

Durham May 11 1901

My dear Marie
Your mother & myself arrived here safely from Buffalo at 2¹⁵ O'clock on Thursday afternoon. We found Alice & her dear children all well, as were also Charles Parsons & our own Chuch, who has grown still taller & is the very picture of health & strength.

Your mother in spite of her sickness bore her journey with wonderful fortitude although she suffered much from fatigue. Alice's nursing & the rest are however making a great change for the better. The weather was cold & wet on Thursday night, all Friday & until this forenoon at 12 O'clock. The sun has cleared away the clouds now however & it is getting brighter & warmer.

Tomorrow will be the twentieth Anniversary
of your birth day. I wish you all joy & every
returns of the season & that every year may
bring you greater happiness, a wider & higher
sphere of usefulness & a more abundant
success in your art.

From Buffalo I sent you a slight reminder that
you were in my thought as you are always
my darling. Be faithful be patient & the
good Lord will give you the desires of your
heart.

I would like much to have you meet Chuck
in Buffalo this summer. He will spend
his vacation working for Douglas & Willie.
He wishes to see the Pan American & I hope
that you also will see it as it is a wonderful
vision of beauty.

I received your bunch of flowers & they were
kept on the table until they had fulfilled
their errand & delivered their message of love.
I am so glad to know that you will spend
another year under the advantages that Cornell
so abundantly offers for improvement in so many
ways. & I most sincerely hope that your soul
life will develop & expand under its blessed
influences.

Your Mother & myself will spend a few
weeks with Alice. How many we cannot tell
yet. Then on our way back to Chicago we will
stop in Buffalo to finish up a little business
there. We have now no home of our own. Yet
we know that the homes of Alice & Agnes will
always be open to us. I would be glad to say the
same of those of Douglas & Willie but I am not sure.

And now dear Marie I must close so as to
catch the mail. Mother, Alice, Charles & George
& all the dear children ask me to send love
& kisses from each & all to you. So also your
friend Alice Pettie who has just been in to see
your mother. She looks well & says that she
is happy in her work.

And now my darling good bye for this present
That God may bless & keep you in all your ways
is the earnest fervent prayer of

Your Affectionate
Daddy

Woods Hole May 12th 1901

Dr Duggar. Dear Sir.

Circumstances have
arisen that I shall not be able
to hit the hour as I first planned
but will have the room for
you with this change instead
of letting you have the little back
room up stairs to get your
breakfast in I will have to
arrange the room down stairs
so that you may get it in
there will this be satisfactory
to you. I have had to change
my plans quite a little but hope
this will meet with your
approval you will still have

three large rooms.

Yours Recd-

Mrs Chas Hinckley

I have accomplished a good deal. Sunday the spirit, I wish I knew what spirit, moved Fred & Carry to go with me to the Episcopal church, just before my Bible-tok breakfast place & spend us a good season on lawn, this little church was full. Friday night we went to Dr. Strick's lecture, Saturday night Fred entertained his school class, each boy was asked to bring a gift but they did not all do it, however there were 22 guests. It was a wonderful party they were entertained to supper, there was a little commotion supper, there was a little commotion on all these scores, getting up by Fred & this young man bringing them, Fred's father gave two invitations & all were so well amused Fred was away about three days nothing on Sunday morning. How then could I get rid of him was paid for the entertainment & all went. I have given each a detailed account of me.

wrote but it has already been a week since. I have written to you. We were glad to find your letter waiting for us, there were none from the other boys. I feel as if I had been from home a month, but it is only a week this morning since we left. We both enjoyed our visit. I found Carry had gone to Monte Carlo the morning we left home, but Fred & Gene Camp took good care of me until her return. Sunday night, I had a good chance to become acquainted with the children, they are very interesting, all of them smart as can be & so sweet & kind to each other, I admire Parker more than ever, he is the smartest little child of his age I ever saw. Margaret is still the quiet, delicate looking little thing she was when they were down here, you remember how still she would sit in your lap & now & then look up at you. I don't think she will live to be grown, was thrown out in infancy & will always be delicate. Andrew is a fine looking little fellow, very much like Charles Wick Briggs & Shumway looks like Rolling Duggar he seems quite well & strong. Gene Father was a little sick in Mont gomery & left there Friday morning early for Auburn. Now when to reach home at the appointed time we had to leave Auburn Sunday at 5 o'clock, in the face of dark clouds, by the time we reached the first stopping place the rain had begun & we had it hard all the way to Mont gomery. I think Fred hardly had time to get home & put up

the carriage before the rain ceased. They have a nice way & horse &
enjoy it. We were disappointed that the rain prevented our attending services
Sunday night but it made our drive more pleasant next morning. We stopped
at the Vendôme Hotel finding there Mr. Poole, cousin W^m Adams & W^m Selman.
Mr. Poole placed his buggy & horse at our disposal for a drive next morning before
train time. Mrs. Patten drove me to the capital, Miller met & showed us around,
then Mrs. Patten returned to the Hotel & Miller drove me to cemetery, park, & to the
fountains, a beautiful drive. At the fountains I was introduced to Mrs & Miss
Patterson & they immediately began to talk of Fred & then she said you have
another one at Washington; we frequently have her bulletins quoted to us
by inspectors at our experimental station. She took me around & as I said
surprised me almost with kindness, ~~on my~~ boy's account, presented me with
2 coded ferns, & a bunch of lovely carnations & roses. I cannot end her some
nice fruit in the summer. On reaching the depot we found the Cobbs
family just starting home; a long chat with Miss Penny was much enjoyed,
she gave us some interesting events in her brother's life. On leaving we stopped
some, then went to Mrs. Cunningham's to drive by appointment with Allen
Stewart & wife, after dinner went to see Cousin a little while before train
time. Of course we had to wait at Gallons for the buggy, Mrs. Cobbs sent over her
sallies & insisted that we must walk over to supper, we could not get out of it
so had to go, she is so kind & thought-full I wish I could return her kindness.
We found nothing had been done while we were gone, only a good many
little chickens had disappeared. I think old Syd had reposed in the shade
for we can't see much work, he has done, we hoped in a week he would
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MAY 13, 1901

Love
Your devoted
Mother.

trips that I will have to take another piece of paper
to tell you what Prof. Small said, he told your
Mother that Washington was the very place for you,
that you were right to take it. We here Dr. Burns
much disappointed at your not accepting at Auburn
& I know Fred would like to have had you - he
dreads one of the applicants for this place, but I
know he has written you, he is very cautious about
expressing himself only told us that.

I am as pleased to see he seems to be getting on so
well & so as contented. Old Mrs. G. is their greatest
annoyance, she is enough to try the patience of
Job, they have to keep a nurse for her now, she
follows her everywhere & tries to keep her out of mischief
but many many times no one can do anything with
her but Mrs. Camp. I was put to watch her while the
nurse was at dinner & she soon said "I will thank
you Mrs. Camp to attend to your own business & I will
attend to mine". This is a dreadful hateful place
spend it, I have some other letters to write this evening,
no more news from Henry or Waver, good bye with much

May 21st 1901

My dear Sam

I had just seated myself to write when a boy called out, here's some berries, I have disposed of him & must write in a hurry for I expect some more directly, how I wish you had those I have bought, so large & juicy, I know you would enjoy them, since this morn they are so nice, we have them twice a day, indeed I care very little for any thing else more. We were very glad to have your letter several days after mine to you was mailed, there are the berries I must get them on the fire, wrote later. 5 o'clock - before I was through with the berries Reuben came to spend the day, before he left a dreadful head ache came on & I had to take a nap. I don't feel much relieved but must finish my letter if I can. Reuben says he has not been really well since the spell some time ago, came to get a prescription his chin is much clearer than where I last saw him & he enjoyed his dinner. I think his irregular, poor living has given him depression. I don't think I spent

that night, my heart is confused. I had to give R a
little scold for not coming down Sunday to hear
the Bishop, he said he did not know he was coming
& he had an engagement at Fannedale. The Bishop
gave us a good sermon, as we was confirmed, the
choir sounded the bugliat against Miss Mills, & 2
singers as the service was better than we had any
idea it would be. Miss DeWoe took the Bishop
but Mrs Cobbs, Edith, Eva Vaughan & Mrs Ward
were with us. Edith & Eva quite surprised me by
coming the night before, I was sit expecting any one
at night. Eva is as quiet & not pretty.

Reuben was telling me today of Mary Wilkins who made
a visit to Fannedale a short time ago, she is a daughter
of Clarence Wilkins, brother of Dick & Minge, her father
lives in Washington & when you go there I hope you
will meet her. Reuben drove her out, got up a big
ride & dance for her benefit. I am glad he was so
gallant to her. She wanted to visit us but we were
in Auburn part of her stay. Her brother is organist
in one of the large churches in Washington. I will try to
get their address.

It was very kind in you all to get up a celebration
for Miss Robertson's birth day, do you celebrate all

MAY 21, 1891

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this birth days?

We had rain Sunday night & all day yesterday but would you believe it, we could not get any one to set out a plant for us today. I had planned to go yesterday to see Mrs. Wren, & again today but the clouds looked too threatening, after R - came I was glad I did not go. I must try again tomorrow for I have not been to see her since. Miss Patey died. Aunt Catherine took Lewis, his brother & his wagons & helped move them to the Rectory. It will be a long walk for me at 10 1/2 o'clock in the morning. No news from any of the boys since I last wrote to you, I feel like blowing them up. Miss Ann & Annie Barber will come on a trip to Key West to visit Willie Barndes, any where for Miss Love just as she is going. I must ask your Father to fill out the next page, please excuse this scrawl, with much love.

Your devoted

Mother.

P. J. Wednesday
morning, I am
tired & feeling much
better -

a change, of them were not supper with us two evenings
 so many kids & Alice gathering up, & we had a pleasant time
 but heard Charlie would get - & enjoyed some delicious Vietnam
 along better, but each one must (Shawbury) & Angel Lake of Alice
 to work the other, that is, make making. Mr. Whorley is very
 much, I mean say a word, either content & sympathetic.
 side, but I have always known I have not seen Harry Buck
 the trouble, Charles Robinson have yet, but Alice better hat
 speaks through Alice; I want her to be up, I am too busy
 Charlie to get his education in Mrs. Samson is in California
 spite of everything & this is I must be, My friends all
 my advice to him. Everyone here glad to see me again,

at cloudy & cool. It rained both
of yesterday, but we have taken
some lovely dunes. I wish I
could go to Chicago
without coming here for
some reason, which of course
are mostly selfish, but you
go to the "Pan American" before
coming here, we will have
to stop in Buffalo for a couple
of days as "Dupa" had to unpack
some books. & we will then

Miss Abigail from
dear day & a lady with
her from Atlanta, they
expected to do so tomorrow
All seems to be coming
a few more. Entertaining
distinguished guests is
nothing for them! Many
lets them take things as
they find them, adding
perhaps some others
chopped beef, or meat
pie in a big black
stone pan of one! I
look on & wonder when
I saw them leave society
arrange to make it worth
bring up those guests I
wonder what they would
say to that. If you
father goes to that Western
seat, visiting and looking
at it. Let them go to
some for me & I will
know. The time with us
Sally, I hope you have gotten
over the worst of your
work with the children, with
much love
Your devoted
Mother.

Dear from Warm across my last letter to you. I saw by this Post that Prof & Mrs Drayton returned
deserted part of it by writing to you. Now Father has gone off & it is the
only person on the lake, the work stops at Dad's house & comes quietly all
his spare time is spent there, it leaves only the chirping of the birds to
keep one company.

I was very glad to have yesterday evening your note, saying why you wished
not to return, about the close of the season. I expect you are very busy.
If you only had such weather as we have had for some days you would
get on with work much better. Sunday was my coat we had a good
fire all day, also yesterday, today a little fire would be pleasant but I
have not decided one, warmed myself only this morning working in my
little garden, the weeds, have done & every sort of thing grows so fast I
can't keep them down & soon the red bugs will keep me out of the garden
as much as possible. Mrs Browder's garden looks gay now, all sorts of
annuals in bloom, & many quantities of geraniums, & other pot plants. I
was up there yesterday evening to call on Mrs Whitcomb who has come
to stay with her Mother while Miss Lou visits Will is at Key West, Father
likes and the season to go there I should think, but she is always ready
for a trip, any where just as she is going, well, she gets a great deal
of pleasure out of life. About 10 miles from Key West, to see my old

friends, as I was drinking it along to get out of the room as soon as possible, I met sister Sally on the street, we were both very much surprised to see each other; she was going to Mrs. Wain's as she gave me a ride the rest of the way, I was glad of it, for I was not feeling very strong after those fevers, from depot to Rectory is a long walk for one now. I found the two old ladies more cheerful & looking better than I expected, hearing the old house was much the best for them, as many sad associations connected with the place, they are comfortably fixed where they are & Mrs. Bacon is very kind.

Last Sunday night we had snow, & all day Monday "a washers" as Henry would say, as it was too wet to follow his hands, Reuben came down & spent the day, I enjoyed having him, but as seldom comes, and he had been closely at work, to get any thing out of day laborers he must be right with them all the time, he has few contract hands, depends nearly on day labor. Uncle Wain was with us part of Sunday, left just as the sun was setting to go home in a cool wind & no over coat, we could not persuade him to stay. Poor Father has proposed to him to rent out his whole place, as little of it is worked now & he has a pleasant home where else but he will not hear of it. How anxious would he be if he would do that & he would be better off in every respect. I heard from Henry last week his visit home seems indefinitely postponed. The mill shut down 10 days for repairs & it seemed to me that was the time for him to have come, it will open with a larger number of hands, a place, in which will come by reason, as prospects brighten for him. We